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#### FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

On October 23, 1962, Washington, D.C., advised as follows:

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The Women Strike for Peace held a picket line demenstration in front of the White House in Washington, D.C., from 3:08 p.m. until approximately 5:10 p.m. The demenstration started with approximately ten women pickets with two passing out literature. A copy of the leaflet, which was entitled, "A Statement on Cuba," is attached to this memorandum.

The number of pickets varied from time to time during the demonstration and at approximately 4:15 p.m. there were approximately 55 men, women, and children in the picket line. Individuals in the picket line carried signs which read as fellows:

"End the Arms Race Not the Human Race."

"Send U.N. Team to Cuba."

"Women Strike for Peace."

"No Missile Bases in Cuba, Turkey, or Anywhere Else."

At approximately 4:25 p.m. 13 young men and women representing the Student Peace Union conducted a demonstration in front of the White House. These individuals carried signs which read as follows:

"Is Cuba Worth It?"

"Gumbeat Diplomacy Must Go."

"International Disputes are Negotiable,"

was self identified as the leader of this group. He stated he was a student years of age.

At 4:39 p.m. representatives of the American Nazi Party, numbering five, appeared in front of the White House

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and conducted a picket line. These individuals stated they were there to congratulate President Kennedy on finally taking action on the Cuban situation, to encourage him to fully enforce the Monroe Doctrine and to uphold American prestige in the Cuban area. The characterization of the American Nazi Party is attached to this memorandum.

#### RE: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

## AMERICAN NAZI PARTY, ALSO KNOWN AS WORLD UNION OF FREE ENTERPRISE NATIONAL SOCIALISTS

advised on February 27, 1959, that had held an meeting of at his residence on were present and they, according to the source, comprised the beginning of the organization. told those present that the WUFENS would be an international movement, but that the section of the organization in the United States would be known as the American Party of the WUFENS. on March 26, 1959, furnished to Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, a copy of the program of the WUFENS stating that he expects to become **57**C President of the United States through the organization's platform. The main tenets of the WUFENS, as reflected in the program, call for the migration of Negroes to Africa and the trial and execution of all Jews guilty of communist and Zionist treason. advised on August 8, 1961, that

the main activity of the organization, in furtherance of these objectives, has consisted of picketings with anti-Jewish and anti-Negro placards and talks by attacking Jews as traitors to the United States. The head-quarters of the American Nazi Party is located at 928 North Randolph Street, Arlington, Virginia.

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#### A STATEMENT ON CUBA

We women who have dedicated ourselves to preserving and cherishing human life are concerned that the present Cuban crisis may erupt into nuclear war. We, together with President Kennedy, have committed ourselves to achieving world peace by general disarmament under effective United Nations control.

We feel that the settlement of the Cuban crisis under United Nations auspices is an essential step toward ultimate disarmament and world order. The quarantine of vessels announced by the President is, we believe, a serious threat of the use of force in violation of the Charter of the United Nations and the Organization of American States. Moreover, it establishes a precedent of unilateral action that may be used to the detriment of world peace in other situations.

Therefore we respectfully urge our President to reconsider the announced action to quarantine the seas, pending an orderly determination of the differences between the United States, the Soviet Union and Cuba by the United Nations. We call upon both sides to use restraint in this critical situation and to use extraordinary caution to assure that a nuclear disaster does not result either by accident or by reckless action.

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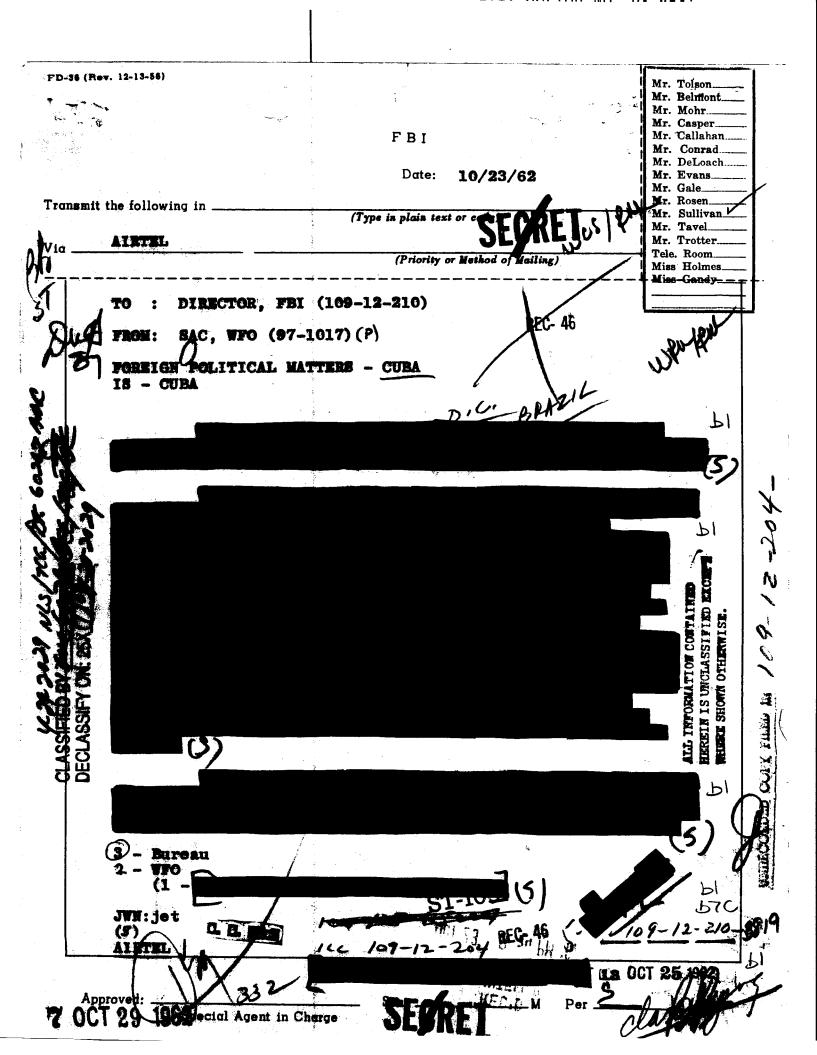
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On October 18, 1962,

Cuban exiles, are presently residing with her, and receives an occasional letter from a friend who is still in Cuba and lives in Havana. She said this person uses in the return address and addresses the letters to as a precaution and sometimes tries to tell them things in the letters in a round about way to avoid possible censorship. She said a recent letter contained the following information which she thought might be of value.

The letter spoke of the harvesting of the current sugar crop and pointed out that there would probably be no shortage of workers to cut the cane. This paragraph of the letter then went on to say that the Cubans are awaiting the arrival of the 1,000 "technicians" from British Guiana who are coming to Cuba as part of an agreement that they will help in the harvest of the sugar in exchange for other "technicians" who will go to British Guiana. The letter pointed out that this exchange was for the benefit of the Cuban government.

said she and her family believe the above is an effort to tell them office export of communism from Cuba to British Guiana and was included in the paragraph about the sugar harvest for concealment purposes. She said the writer of the letter is not pro-CASTRO and is not in a position to obtain "inside information" in Cuba insofar as she knows, as a result of which she did not know where he might learn of such a thing.

This memorandum is loaned to you by the FBI, and neither it nor its contents are to be distributed outside your agency.

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#### FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CURA INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

On October 22, 1962, Incorporated, 1310 Apple Avenue. Silver Spring, Maryland, advised that

a 3,000 watt portable electric generator driven by a gasoline engine on October 18, 1962.

The electric generator is described as follows

Manufacturer:

Zeus Generator Division 12435 Euclid Avenue

Cleveland 6, Ohio

Specifications:

3,000 watts 115 - 230 volts 60 cycle 1 phase

1 phase 3 wire

26.2/13.1 amperes

Weight:

180 pounds

Dimensions:

Height - 19 inches Length - 27 inches

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Rope Starter

Price:

\$431.25

The generator was paid for in cash of five \$20 bills and thirty-five \$10 bills, all new money.

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was advised that we would contact Senator Javits' Mashington Field Office (WFO), was instructed to have an Agent in the Senator's office. At 12:20 p.m. Supervisor advised that WFO had contacted and that Senator Javits, o is familiar with the details of this matter, would get in touch th WFO concerning it.

said he would promptly notify the Bureau following the contact by Senator Javits, and, at that time, we will take whatever action is necessary regarding this information. ح الحل

For information.

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#### FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

September 28, 1962

RE: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

On August 25, 1962, information was received from to the effect that of the Federacion Autonoma de la Carne (Autonomous Meat Federation) to Cuba, arrived in Uruguay in the first part of August 1962.

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Washington 25, D.C. October 23, 1962

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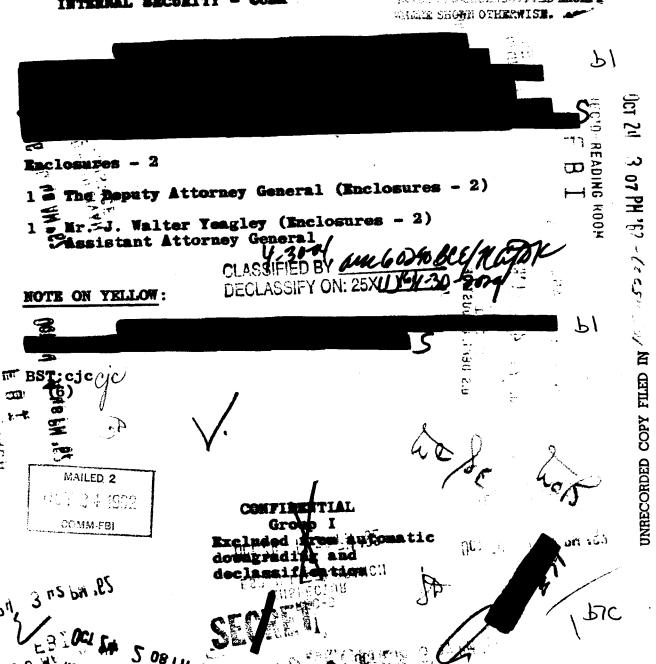
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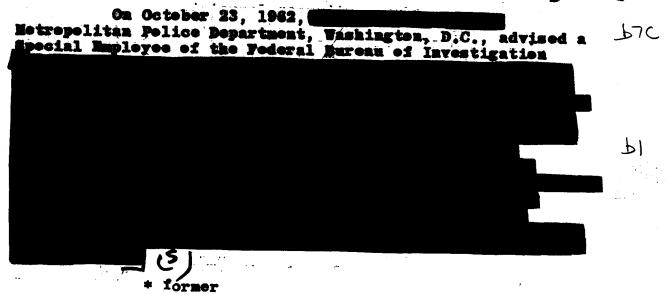


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Re: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

Poor Mental Health of Fidel Castro

in the past and who is a resident alien in the United States and active in anti-CASTRO activities, on October 17, 1962, advised as follows:

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on October 2, 1962, received a message from a very sensitive and reliable source in the office of FIDEL CASTRO in Havana, Cuba. The source is in frequent contact with CASTRO. The source of the reported the following:

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In the last month FIDEL CASTRO's mental health has deteriorated considerably and he is obviously unbalanced. It is well known in Havana, Cuba, that he is drinking more and is using drugs.

On September 12, 1962, CASTRO made a terrific scene in his office, breaking everything in sight, toppling tables, smashing typewriters, and insulting everybody. He went berserk for about two hours and diving that period no one dared go near him.

About September 25, 1962, after a great commotion in his office, CASTRO was carried out half unconscious and babbling, with a stream of saliva pouring from his mouth.

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The following day he went to a luncheon at the Uruguayan Embassy and arrived there intoxicated. He created a scene and forced his way to where the Cubans who had been given asylum in the embassy were located. CASTRO took off his shirt and challenged the asylees to a fist fight. The Charge d' Affaires (Acting Ambassador) attempted to stop CASTRO and was struck by him.

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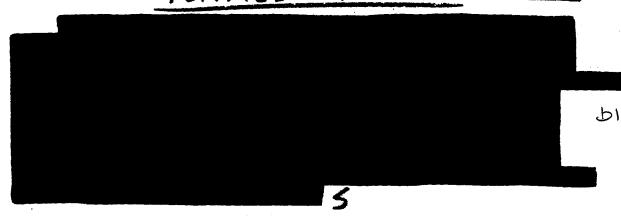
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On October 22, 1962, a confidential informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, learned that

newspaper did not have President Kennedy's speech and then informed the newspaper of President Kennedy's aggressive moves against Cuba, thereafter describing the seven points of the President's speech. The informant stated that observations were as follows:

1. President Kennedy himself stated that he has news only about the "preparation of offensive missile bases." In other words, even accepting his argument, he took an aggressive move without proof that "offensive missile bases" already exist in Cuba.

- 2. Even yesterday a spokesman for the Department of Defense stated there was no proof to the existense of "offensive weapons" in Cuba.
- 3. The President let it be known that there is entirely no need to wait for an "actual firing of weapons," and it should be considered as a "maximum danger point." In other words, the United States is taking upon itself the right of decision of taking aggressive moves against any country even though the United States is not attacked by this country.

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4. Several days ago the New York Times reported, using many examples, about the calm on the Cuban front, emphasizing that aggressive moves are not confirmed from the

5. Finally, it is worthwhile to remember the statement of Cuban President, Dorticos, at the United Nations, that Cuba is ready to peacefully negotiate conflicting matters with the United States.

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on October 23, 1962, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised that he had learned had for the purpose of discussing President Kennedy's speech of October 22, 1962.

Kennedy's speech was excellent and added that from all indications Argentina would collaborate with the United States on any action.

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CUBA CLAIMS ITS BASES ARE DEFENSIVE, WE CLAIM THEY ARE AGGRESSIVE.

EACH SIDE IS TRAPPED BY A COMMITMENT TO SUPERIOR DESTRUCTIVE POWER.

THE RESULT OF THIS INSANE GAME WILL NOT BE PEACE, BUT A NUCLEAR

HOLOCAUST THAT WILL DESTROY FREEDOM AS SURELY AS TOTALITARIANISM WILL.

WE URGE THE FOLLOWING STEPS BE TAKEN, .

ONE. PLEDGE NOT TO INVADE CUBA. PRESIDENT DORTICOS OF CUBA HAS OFFERED TO DISMANTLE ALL RUSSIAN BASES IN RETURN FOR SUCH A PLEDGE. LET-S FIND OUT IF HE MEANS IT.

TWO. ACCEPT BRAZIL-S OFFER OF MEDIATION BETWEEN THE U. S. AND CUBA.

THRÉE. OFFER TO DISMANTLE U. S. MISSILE BASES SURROUNDING THE

SOVIETS IN RETURN FOR SIMILAR CONCESSIONS BY THE SOVIET UNION. THIS

CAN BE A FIRST STEP IN DISARMAMENT.

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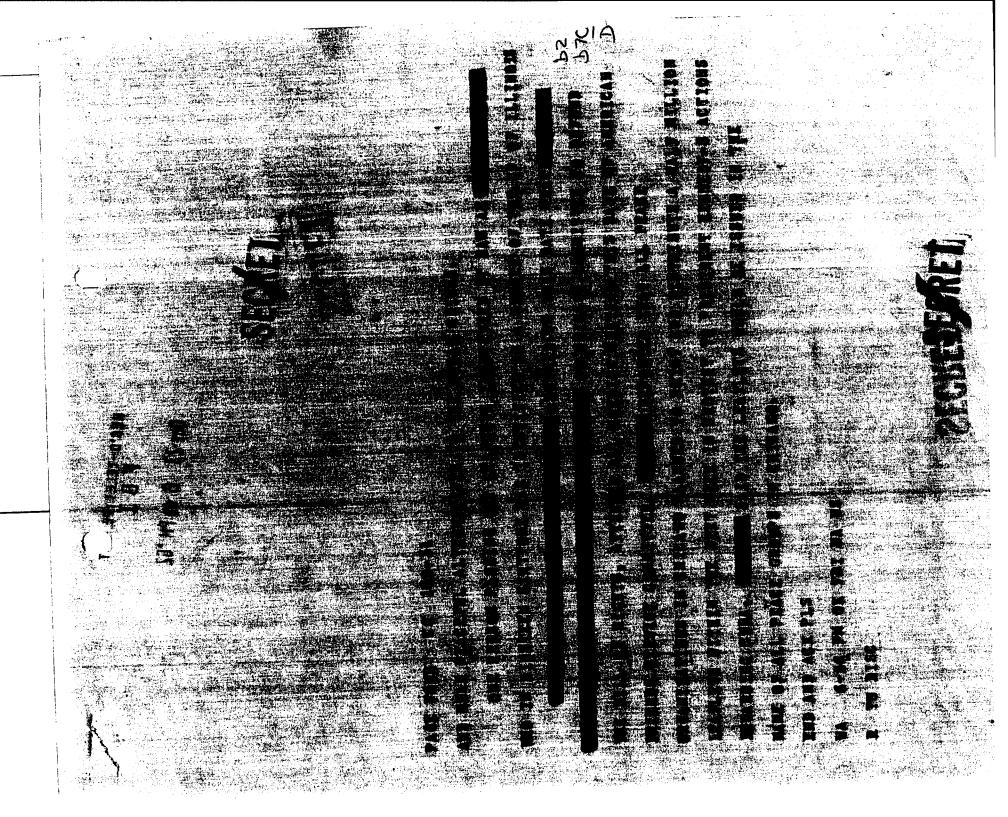
FIVE. OFFER TO HELP DEVELOP CUBA. CUBA-S NATIONAL REVOLUTION WAS COME UNDER THE INFLUENCE OF A FOREIGN POWER. WE HAVE SEEN THIS DEVELOPING BUT WE HAVE OFFERED THREATS, INSTEAD OF ACTS OF FRIENDSHIP. LET-S SHOW THE CUBAN PEOPLE THAT THEY HAVE FRIENDS IN AMERICA...

OME. WIRE OR WRITE PRESIDENT KENNEDY AND THE SOVIET EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON, URGING THEM TO TAKE THESE STEPS TO REDUCE THE TENSION.

TWO. TALK WITH YOUR MEIGHBORS AND WRITE YOUR NEWSPAPER TO BUILD PUBLIC SUPPORT SO THAT THE PRESIDENT CAN ACT IN THIS WAY.

FOUR. ATTEND THE VOTERS FOR PEACE ELECTION RALLY AT MC CORMICK PLACE ON THESDAY, OCTOBER THIRTIETH, EIGHT PH END PAGE THREE







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revealed he learned from is nothing "hard," just speculations. definitely feels that it involves Cuba. believes it is "very possible" that it has been determined that the Russians are building, or have built, a missile base in Cuba. speculated that President Kennedy got nowhere last week in his talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. The noted that the United States has defined its policy toward cuba in terms of size and nature of the weapons. When the weapons change, it raises a real problem for the United States. does not know what believes an ultimatum President Kennedy will do. is probable and indicated he would not be surprised if a blockade is put into effect.

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When it was pointed out to him later that this indicated he did not accept the President's statement, he was quick to deny this and pointed out that his earlier proposal for on-sight inspection did not mean he questioned President Kennedy's assessment but, rather that he was endeavoring to put in motion steps which might be taken by the United Nations in the event of a Soviet veto in the Security Council or if the Soviets should deny the existence in Cuba of such missile bases.

The Leader of the Liberal Party said the thing to do now was to prevent a feeling of despair and hopelessness on the one hand and panic on the other. He pledged his support to the Government.

The Social Credit Leader said it is characteristic of Canadians not to panic but to thoughtfully and cautiously watch developments with the definite conviction it is Canada's responsibility to do what is morally right and make its action in that regard known.

The House Leader of the New Democratic Party urged that Canada utilize to the very limit its friendship for and its associations with many nations of the world to the end that the cause of peace will be well served.

From Vancouver, British Columbia,
of the New Democratic Party, who had been defeated
in the June 18, 1962, Federal Election, but was elected to
Parliament in a special byelection on 10/22/62, predictably came
out with a statement condemning the action taken by the United
States, pointing out that for the past 15 years the Western powers
have been ringing the Soviet Union with missile and air bases
from which the Strategic Air Command could destroy almost any
city in Russia.

The Prime Minister has indicated that this sudden turn of events will cause a complete review of all of Canada's contacts with Cuba and the Cabinet met in emergency session to discuss the Cuban question all morning on 10/23/62. The Minister of External Affairs made a statement indicating the closure of Canadian airports to Cuban-bound Societ aircraft occurred "a few days ago." This statement was made in reply to a question concerning a report that the United States plans to ask Canada to shut off its airport to such flights. Typically, the Canadian



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Government is trying to convey to the public a positive and affirmative action in this regard whereas in fact such flights under the International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) auspices have totaled only two or three a year. Details of this were included in my letter of October 10, 1962, captioned "FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CAMADA."

At the same time the Canadian Government has taken no action and there is no indication yet that they intend to take any action with reference to Cubana Airlines and Czech. Airlines flights between Havana and Prague which refuel at Gander, Newfoundland.

Likewise, the Minister of Trade and Commerce made a statement on 10/23/62, indicating there would be no change as a result of the new international tension over Cuba to the Canadian Government's policy on exports to Cuba. He pointed out there has been no official 3. S. complaints over the Canadian policy which calls for the shipment of non-strategic goods to that country under close supervision to prevent transshipment of 3. S. products to Cuba through Canada.

Thile it would appear this would be an opportune time for the Canadian Government to take a final stand on the question of the acquisition of nuclear warheads, the Prime Minister announced on 10/23/62, that he did not expect the Cabinet discussions to deal with this item in connection with the current crisis.

Another place where Canada could stand up and be counted would be in connection with the membership in the Organization of American States (OAS), but once again the Prime Minister when questioned on 10/23/62, said he did not think the Cuban crisis would affect Canada's attitude towards joining that organization, although it was possible an observer would be sent in connection with the current discussions by that organization on the Cuban crisis.

Canada continues to maintain diplomatic and commercial ties with Cuba but it is believed there may be some move in this regard to express Canada's displeasure with recent developments as referred to by President Kennedy. It was interesting to note in this regard that as recently as the week of October 15, 1962, the Canadian Government ordered the expulsion from Canada of





ALBERTO BOZA HIDALGO GATO, Cuban Consul in Montreal, ostensibly for possession of unregistered firearms following an automobile accident, but, in fact, because information fed to the Department of External Affairs

There have been no large demonstrations by groups in Canada as a result of the President's speech; however, a group of students from McGill University and Sir George Williams College in Montreal did demonstrate before the U. S. Consulate in Montreal, claiming they were not Cubans or communists but rather Canadians and Americans who felt the halt of shipping to Cuea would undoubtedly mean war. There was a demonstration by a group of approximately 30 persons described as Fair Play for Cuba Committee sympathizers before the U. S. Consulate in Toronto and members of the group indicated they hoped to be back with a group totaling up to 300 for further demonstrations. In Ottawa the demonstrations took a different tact with a group of approximately 50 college students from Ottawa and Carlton Universities picketing the Russian Embassy with signs saying "Cuba Si, Russia No."

The editorial comment predictably has been mixed. The "Ottawa Journal" on 10/23/32, backed the United States, pointing out that free nations can be pushed a long way and sometimes too far and that an aggressor would be wise to remember the adage: "Beware the fury of a patient man."

The "Ottawa Citizen" on 10/23/62, was critical of the blockade claiming it violated the principle of the freedom of the seas which is a principle for which the United States itself has fought since the country's beginning. It described the action as a mild form of preventive war. It admitted the United States had ample provocation but said the decision was still a mistake and that it set a precedent which could be used by the Russians to advantage at a later date and also created great strains among the Western allies. It also pointed out that the U.S. in so doing had weakened the moral foundation on which it appeals to the neutral countries of the world.





The Montreal "Gazette" cited prior crises since the end of World War II and said this was but another and called on both sides to show realism as in the past so that this would become but another milestone in the process of test and probe which has gone on between Russia and the United States since 1945.

The Toronto "Globe and Mail" was critical of the action taken, pointing out that it should have been taken up through the Security Council of the United Nations before the unilateral action was taken. It then went on to point out that once the action was taken by the President the inescapable facts of geography, political traditions and close defensive alliance dictate that Canada support the United States in this action which the United States has deemed essential to avert a threat to the Western Hemisphere.

This office will continue to keep the Bureau advised of pertinent developments in the Cuban crisis and reaction of Canada to the crisis.

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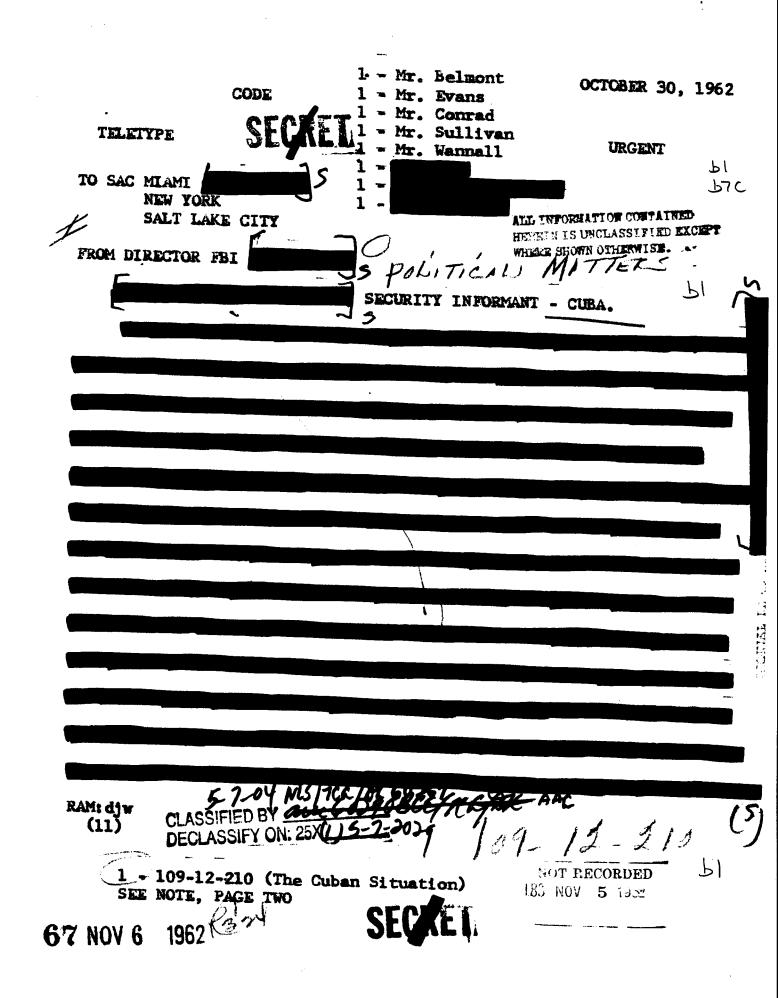
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THE CUBAN SITUATION

The question of Cuba is still a vital one, very much in the forefront both in the press and in minds of top officials of the Kennedy Administration. Since the Director has occasion to discuss this situation from time to time, there is attached a memorandum concisely summarizing the background of the Cuban crisis and the security threat currently posed by the Castro regime. This memorandum may prove of use to the Director in connection with his forthcoming California trip.

The attached memorandum sets forth developments leading up to the Cuban crisis, including the deficiencies revealed in U. S. intelligence coverage; the Bureau's role in alerting other U. S. agencies and officials to the communist menace in Cuba; a summary of the April, 1961, invasion by anti-Castro forces, including the reasons for its failure; a review of the current situation in Cuba from the standpoint of present-day Cuban military strength; and a brief summary as to the security threat to the Western Hemisphere represented by the Castro regime. A summary of Cuban activities on the West Coast has previously been prepared and is incorporated in the brief compiled for the Director's use by the Crime Records Division.

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#### I. Summery

Failure of responsible U. S. agencies to anticipate collapse of Batista regime in Cuba and emergence of processumunist Castro dictatorship resulted in drastic re-evaluation of U. S. intelligence coverage in Latin America during early 1959. Although considerable data regarding inherent procommunist nature of Castro movement had been available, this information had for the said part not been coordinated or brought to attention of policy entire of the lawing Director's briefing of foliar Secretary of State Market in January, 1989, other agencies have come to rely increasingly on MI for current information concerning Cohon developments and Castro measure, which my have less investigating since 1955. Director was quick to Market communist character of Castro regime and Survey has said the communist character of Castro regime and Survey has said the communist character of Castro regime and Survey has said the communistic character of Castro regime and Survey has said the communistic character of Castro regime and Survey has said to the communistic character of Castro regime and Survey has said to the community of information to other agencies regarding community. volume of information to other agencies regarding communist connections of Cuban leaders and over-all security threat posed by Castro. Defeat of April, 1961, invasion by anti-Castro forces was result of failure to properly assess Castro's military strength or coordinate invasion with Cuban underground as well as absence of expected internal uprising. Anti-Castro forces are now disorganized and believe that only substantial, direct U. S. military intervention would guarantee success of another invasion attempt. Castro's military strength, bulwarked by heavy shipments of arms from Soviet blec, including MIG fighters, is increasing rapidly. Castro now has nearly a quarter of a illion men under arms, virtually ruling out any possibility of uccessful internal uprising.

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Events of the past three years, confronting the rited States with a major crisis throughout Latin America, stem ectly from developments surrounding the downfall of the Batista cime in Cuba and the emergence of the procommunist dictatorship Fidel Castro. A review of the facts indicates that the U.S. rnment was largely unprepared for the collapse of Batista January 1, 1959, or for the sequence of events which have Asformed Cuba from a country with the closest economic, fitary and cultural ties to the United States into a virtual viet satellite.

Failure of responsible U. S. agencies to anticipate hese developments caused a sweeping re-evaluation of our telligence coverage in Cuba and Latin America during early 959, Perhaps the chief weakness revealed by this post-mortom was the need for an improvement in funneling pertinent information developed at the working level to top U.S. officials.

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Considerable information concerning the inherent procommunist character of the Castro movement was available to U. S. intelligence agencies prior to Castro's rise to power. For the most part, however, this information had been reported in piecemeal fashion with little effort to coordinate it and, in addition, it had not reached top levels of Government. These deficiencies were revealed when on January 19, 1959, the Director, at the request of then Under Secretary of State Christian Herter, conferred with Herter regarding information which had been developed by the FBI concerning Cuban developments. Herter was highly impressed with the Director's briefing and commented on the fact that much of the Bureau's data concerning the Castro movement had not been properly evaluated or even brought to his attention by lower echelons of State to which our data had been disseminated.

The Bureau's investigative interest in the Castro movement had dated back to the Fall of 1955 when Castro toured the United States to seek recruits, weapons and funds for his July 26 Movement, openly proclaiming his aim of overthrowing Batista. We undertook a thorough investigation of July 26 branches in the United States and in November, 1955, the Bureau disseminated to other U. S. agencies, including the Department, the first of numerous reports on pro-Castro activities here. After Castro left the United States in December, 1955, we continued to afford close investigative attention to his followers in this country and by January, 1959, when he gained power, we had already reported to other agencies, including State and CIA, substantial information regarding the Castro movement.

Immediately following Castro's seizure of power, we sharply expanded our efforts in this field. In part this was in response to an increasing reliance placed on the Bureau by other agencies and officials for current information concerning rapidly moving events in Cuba. Chiefly, however, it was the result of a recognition by the Bureau of the serious threat to U. S. security posed by the Castro regime. The Director took a personal interest in this situation and from the outset called attention to the communist character of the new Cuban Government. For instance, as early as January 19, 1959, Mr., Hoover noted that it information seemed to "substantially establish" that Castro d all the top leaders of his movement were communists. At the ne time, the Director warned against a tendency to "underrate communist character of Castro's movement."



The Director's early concern with developments in Cuba has been fully justified by the events of the past two and one-half years. This period has witnessed a progressive deterioration of U. S.-Cuban relations brought about by the vehement anti-American bias of Castro and his principal cohorts and culminating in the break of diplomatic relations between this country and Cuba in January, 1961. It has also witnessed the steady emergence to the forefront of the Castro regime of communist elements and the increasing collaboration between Cuba and the Soviet Union, Only recently Castro officially proclaimed Cuba as a "socialist state" and we have received reliable reports indicating that in the near future Castro will merge his July 26th Movement with the Cuban Communist Party. Throughout the entire period of Castro's rule, including during the early months of 1959 when the subversive nature of the new Cuban Government was generally minimized in this country, the Bureau has consistently stressed this very point. We have developed through sources in the United States a considerable volume of information pointing to the communist connections of Cuban leaders, concerning the procommunist trends and policies adopted by the Castro government, and concerning Cuban efforts to promote procommunist and anti-American activities elsewhere through the Western Hemisphere, Particular stress has been placed on correlating our information wherever possible to present a broad comprehensive picture of developments and to bring significant data directly to the attention of top-ranking officials such as the Attorney General and the Secretary of State.

#### III. Invasion of Cuba, April, 1961

Plans for the invasion of Cuba were formulated during the Eisenhower Administration. When the Kennedy Administration assumed office, there was a great deal of discussion within this Administration as to the advisability of an invasion attempt. Even within the CIA there were divergent views. However, CIA Director Dulles and Deputy Director Richard Bissell favored the plan and, reportedly, top military leaders Admiral Arleigh Burke and General Lyman Lemnitzer of the Joint Staff endorsed it. Cuba was invaded on April 17, 1961, by approximately 1,500 anti-Castro troops who had been trained and equipped chiefly in Central America under CIA direction. They were thoroughly defeated within three days and approximately 1,200 of them are presently prisoners of the Cuban Government. Their defeat can be traced mainly to three factors: (1) failure to properly estimate



the strength and capabilities of Castro's armed forces; (2) failure to properly coordinate the invasion attempt with the anti-Castro underground in Cuba; and (3) failure of the Cuban people to rise up against Castro as was expected by CIA. From a strictly military standpoint, one of the primary reasons for the defeat of the invasion forces was the supremacy of Castro's air force. This small air force was not wiped out by preinvasion bombing attacks, as had been predicted, and quickly gained control over the inadequate and obsolete planes of the anti-Castro forces. Reportedly, the original plans of the Eisenhower Administration included the commitment of American aircraft if necessary to maintain control over the beachhead and thus prevent the destruction of anti-Castro forces. These plans were reportedly changed by the Kennedy Administration with the ruling that under no circumstances would American forces become involved.

As a result of the invasion, anti-Castro groups are now generally disorganized and disillusionment with the United States, especially with CIA, is widespread. Anti-Castro forces now feel almost unanimously that direct U. S. military intervention in substantial force will be necessary for the success of any subsequent invasion.

#### IV. Current Situation

Castro's military strength is increasing daily and he now has the most powerful ground forces in Latin America, consisting of an estimated two hundred thousand militiamen, thirty—two thousand regular army personnel, and nine thousand members of the national police. These forces are rapidly acquiring Soviet—bloc arms of all types and the best available estimates indicate Cuba has already received from sixty to one hundred million dollars worth of communist arms to date. This formidable military force virtually eliminates the possibility of a successful internal uprising and at the same time it gives Castro a considerable potential as regards supporting invasions or revolutionary attempts against other Latin-American countries.

Although reports that Castro employed Soviet MIG fighter planes to repel the April, 1961, invasion have been discredited, shipments of MIGs to Cuba did commence in May, 1961, and at the present time Cuba is estimated to have approximately 40 such planes. We have also recently established the presence of Soviet



radar equipment in Cuba. The effectiveness of Castro's air force can be expected to increase rapidly in the future as Cuban pilots, who have been receiving specialized technical training in Soviet-bloc countries, return to Cuba.

The principal weakness of the Cuban armed forces at present lies in the fact that Castro has virtually no navy and therefore must rely entirely on his air force and ground forces to repel an invasion. This also greatly restricts Cuban capability of undertaking an invasion attempt against other Latin-American countries. However, it is significant that a high Cuban naval official recently traveled to the Soviet Union and various Soviet satellite countries, possibly indicating that Castro is seeking naval craft from Soviet or satellite sources. (Foregoing data concerning current Cuban military picture includes "Secret" and "Top Secret" information.)

Although the Castro regime is confronted with severe economic problems, including shortages of food and replacement parts for machinery, it would be unrealistic to hope for his downfall based solely on such deficiencies. In this regard it can be expected that the Soviet bloc will continue to sustain the Cuban economy, as it has been doing for the past year or more, even though this involves a clear loss to the Soviet bloc.

#### V. Threat to Western Hemisphere

adopted the role of a standard bearer against so-called "Yankee imperialism" in the Western Hemisphere and has made plain his intention to export the Cuban revolution to other Latin-American countries. During 1959 the Castro government supported invasion attempts against Panama, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic and Haiti, all unsuccessful. There have been no actual invasion attempts from Cuba since 1959, chiefly because of Castro's preoccupation with events in Cuba itself. However, Cuban efforts to disrupt and subvert other governments in Latin America have continued in the form of furnishing financial material and propaganda support of revolutionary groups, often employing Cuban diplomatic representatives as intermediaries. At the same time a variety of militant pro-Castro organizations have sprung up in virtually all Latin-American countries, frequently with the assistance and direction of Cuban diplomats and agents.



Moreover, Cuba has become a center of procommunist activities throughout the Western Hemisphere and a haven for left-wing political refugees from other Latin-American areas. Former Guatemalan President Jacobo Arbenz, who headed a procommunist regime in Guatemala until it was overthrown in 1954, is broadcasting regularly from Cuba against the present Guatemalan Government. Former Mexican President Lazaro Cardenas, regarded as leader of the Mexican leftist movement, has been regularly praised in propaganda issued by the Cuban Embassy in Mexico.

In a number of instances, the activities of Cuban officials in other Latin-American countries have been so blatant as to result in the arrest or expulsion of such officials. However, operating in many cases under the privileges of diplomatic immunity and availing themselves of the traditionally lenient Latin-American travel restrictions, Castro agents continue to travel about freely in their promotion of revolutionary activities. Despite these provocations, many Latin-American governments have hesitated to take strong action against Castro in view of the latter's continuing appeal to large segments of the Latin-American people, notably the peasants.

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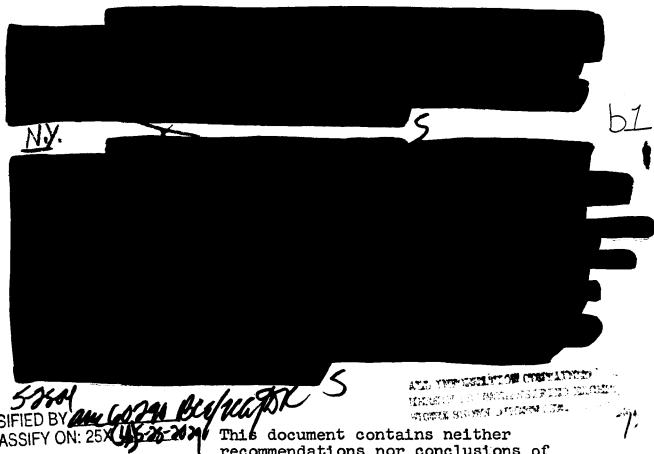


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With reference to (1) President Kennedy's letter to Nikita Khrushchev indicating that the United States would accept, after establishing measures through the UN, to eliminate the measures of an enforced blockade and give guarantee against an invasion of Cuba, and (2) Khrushchev's announcement to remove from Cuban territory installations of arms and strategic defense, the Revolutionary Cuban Government states:

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- 5. Departure from the Guantaname Naval Base and the return of the occupied Cuban territory by the United States.

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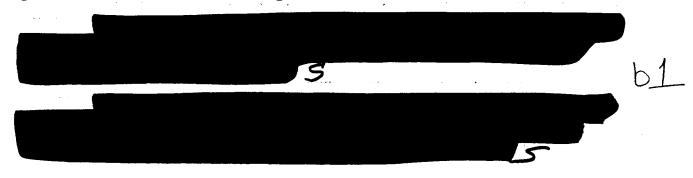
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- (2) During conversations with sources and informants in this field, they have, of course, urged direct action by the United States in support of Cuban exiles. It has also been urged that the United States give wholehearted support to the groups that are known to be fighting in various parts of Cuba, concerning which groups Legat, Mexico, does not have very detailed information. Another recommendation has been that commando groups be formed among the Cuban exiles, who would be utilized to attack gasoline supplies throughout Cuba, since the oil supply line for Cuba now is extremely long.
- (3) The only "defector" with whom Legat, Mexico, has been in contact in recent months was Swiss national, who claimed to have been working with the underground in Cuba prior to coming to Mexico. appeared to be well informed concerning the internal situation in Cuba and mentioned that it was possible for him to go back since he did not believe that he had been identified as an active member of the Cuban underground.

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(4) No pertinent names of Cuban or Latin American exiles were located who have volunteered to assist the U. S. Government by fighting CASTRO or by going to Cuba to work against CASTRO.

In the event the Bureau desires such individuals to be located in Mexico, Legat, Mexico, feels certain that such individuals can be located. There is serious doubt, however, that it can be effectively determined in many cases whether or not these individuals are reliable and trustworthy.

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(5) It would appear that Legat, Mexico, has no individuals falling into this category.

(6) It would appear to Legat, Mexico, that the most useful general plan which does not involve direct military intervention,

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Department, would be increased support of revolutionary groups within Cuba and the formation of Cuban exile commando groups to make hit-and-run raids against vital installations within Cuba.

Legat, Mexico, does not lend itself to the formation of specific b3(ta) plans, since most of the information received is not detailed.

Legat, Mexico, will be alert for ideas and information concerning the above and will furnish any such information which appears to be pertinent to the Bureau.



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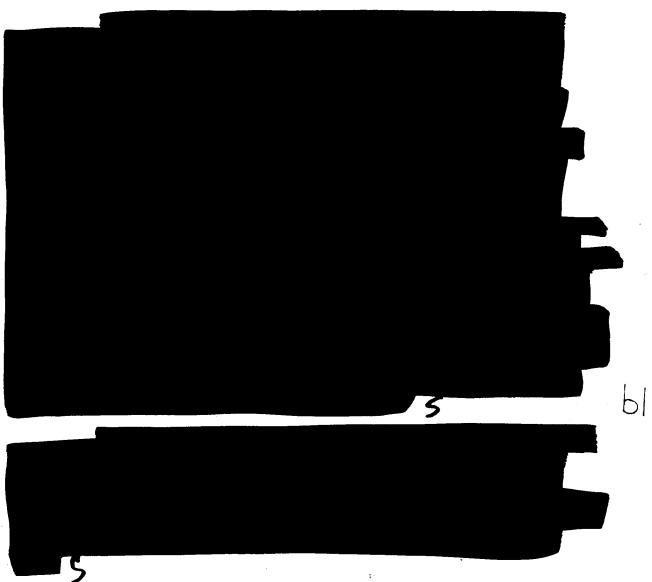
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was present in NEEDLEMAN's office when entered for the purpose of conducting negotiations with NEEDLEMAN, mentioned in reairtel. Before arrived at NEEDLEMAN's office, NEEDLEMAN stated that previously had told him "a fantastic story" which he would ask to repeat in the informant's presence.

Said he would introduce to as and advised the informant to talk as little as possible in presence. NEEDLEMAN indicated that his purpose was to suggest to that the informant is a CASTRO agent.

NEEDLEMAN then requested to tell to the informant a story which previously had told him. then told the following to the informant:

During the 1950's, had been a gun-runner for TRUJILLO and had supplied the latter with large quantities of ammunition and guns. In 1960, however, he and TRUJILLO had had a "falling out," as a result of which TRUJILLO had put on "his assassination list." was the only American on the aforesaid list. Was telling this to the informant in order that the latter might better understand what was then about to say.

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"Somebody", whom believed to be connected with CIA, came to and asked him to "do a contract" (kill FIDEL CASTRO). could accomplish this assassination for this reason: He has a device, known as "a drone," controlled by television, by which he could kill CASTRO as the latter talked into a microphone. The "drone" could be set off at a distance 250 miles away from the target area.

At this point of story, NEEDLEMAN inquired, "Why do you tell us about this?" replied, "Well, I want to warn CASTRO and get the credit, so that CASTRO will release the 1192 prisoners of war to me instead of continuing his story, then stated that the man who had

offered him "the contract" to kill CASTRO stated that would be given \$28,000.00 to build a "drone," \$100,000.00 for "doing the job," and a \$25,000.00 bonus.

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stated that the aforesaid offer had been made to him about the time of the Cuban invasion and that he has been trying to identify the individual who had offered him "the contract." With reference to this individual, said, "When all the Cubans, on the day of the invasion, were under house arrest temporarily in Miami, this guy was the only individual who was not under house arrest. That is why I suspect him of working for CIA."

stated that although he has no intentions of attempting to assassinate CASTRO, he nevertheless desires to "go through the motions" of doing so. He said that if he should not "take this contract," he is afraid "that they will get him on the TRUJILLO gun-running." By "they" he indicated he meant CIA. then said that he had a "fast boat - a 58-footer" anchored at a 23rd Street pier in NYC. He said that he could leave in two weeks to go through the motions of "performing the contract." also stated that the individual who originally offered him the "contract" has continued to press him to accept the said "contract."

When we had finished furnishing the informant with the above info, NEEDLEMAN requested that leave the informant and him alone for a few minutes. When left the room, NEEDLEMAN said to the informant, "I don't know what to say. When I first heard the story, I told it to who is an attorney, and told me that you have to listen to a story like this - that you don't take any chances."

(For the info of the Bureau, is a confident of NEEDLEMAN and a fellow member of the National Lawyers Guild.)

According to \*, he, at this point, told NEEDLEMAN that he would leave NEEDLEMAN's office by a back door and that NEEDLEMAN should tell that the informant would talk "to my higher-ups."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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stated that he did not know whether such information as he pessesses would be useful to the United States Government. He pointed out, however, that in view of current international tensions existing between this country and Cuba, he wished to make any information in his pessession available to the United States Government in the event it should be deemed to be of value.

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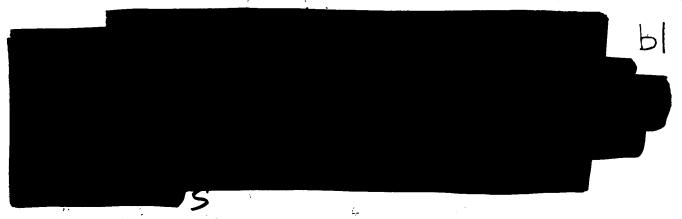
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October 29, 1962

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA INTERNAL SECURITY - CUBA

CUBAN CRISIS, 1962



The Cuban Ministry of Foreign Relations replied shortly after receipt of the above information that the matter was under study and no reply was immediately available.

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Peace, intends to send a peace delegation to Cuba to determine what might be done to prevent a war there. Invitations have been extended to leaders of peace movements from all over the world to endorse delegation and to join it in the interest of world peace.

A group of scientists and political figures have already joined with the leaders of the above organization and has requested that the Cuban Government receive the peace delegation.

was quoted by the Cuban Mission to the United Nations as saying, "This is a peace mission. Its purpose is to look realistically into the Cuban situation and what is required to improve it. We also feel that the presence of this group in Cuba would act as a moral dissussion for an invasion."

noted that the following individuals would be included in the peace mission:

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The informant concluded by advising that he had determined that the above group had already requested Cuban visas from the Embassy of Czechoslevakia, Washington, Q. C.

with regard to above, it is noted that on November 7, 1961, the "Washington Daily News," a Washington, B. C., newspaper, carried an article entitled "Another 'Political General' Champions Pro-Red Causes." This article referred to retired in 1951, from the indicating he retired in 1951, from the Army, and stated that on the following Sunday (November 12, 1961,) he was to address a rally for peace and friendship, sponsored by the National Council for American-Soviet Friendship, at New York's Carnegie Hall.

The National Council for American-Soviet Friendship has been cited by the Attorney General of the United States pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The above article continued that had in the past, denounced United States Ambassador to the United Nations Adlai Stevenson's "sad attempts to defend United States policy toward Cuba." on that same occasion, declared that the Cuban Government "is not communist" and that Fidel Castro is a "dedicated Cuban nationalist and humanist."

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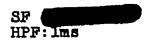
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San Francisco, California

November 9, 1962

CALLE 36, ALTURAS DEL VEDADO HAVANA, CUBA

On November 8, 1962, a source stated that he resided in close proximity to the residence located at calle 36, Alturas del Vedado, Havana, Cuba. This residence is one of the finest in Havana, equivalent to a quarter of a million dellar home. It

however, CASTRO
and took over the premises, which he reportedly used for high
level meetings between top Cuban leaders and visiting diplomats.
This source stated that the place was always heavily guarded
and it was rumored that it was regarded as the number one location
for CASTRO'S diplomatic activities.

This source stated that for approximately two months between December 1960 and February 1961, there was continual activity on the grounds in this area, it heing noted that bull-dozers and possibly steam shovels were continually working, indicated that a large construction project had been undertaken. This source was unable to furnish exactly what had been constructed at this location, but indicated that it appeared to be some underground construction as there would be no need for bull-dozing equipment otherwise. This source could furnish no additional pertinent information concerning the construction at the above address.

The source said this residence could be more specifically likewided executed between Calle 36 (entrance) and Avenue de la Lonia (rear). It is well known to any person familiar with the Alturas del Vedado area of Havana.

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Miami, Florida

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RE: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

On November 9, 1962,

Dade County School Board, Miami, Florida, advised the following air mail communication, written in Spanish, postmarked November 3, 1962, at Merida, Yucatan, Mexico, and addressed to the Director of Student Council, Miami, Florida, had been received:

"Before the Press, the student body and before competent authorities, we address this to you from Metroply in the city of Mexico, in order that you may ask for inspections in the underground of the race track and the automobile track of the International Airport in the city of Merida, Yucatan. We assure you positively that this underground is full of arms which are coming from the communist regime in Havana placing in danger the lives of the inhabitants of the State of Yucatan and Mexico. We know from sources in Mexico which are very reliable that these dangers exist. It should be made known through all media of information that this underground should be inspected.

"Col. del Valle, Mexico, D.F. October 31, 1962"

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# A CALM REPORT FROM INSIDE CUBA

Behind the blockade and among the unseen missiles, many Cubans can now see clearly the lies and abuses of the Communist regime. But they can't do a thing about them, and gradually Castro himself is fading into the background of an island dominated by emissaries from the East BY RALPH ALLEN

On one of my last evenings in Havana to be precise it was the third Saturday before President Kennedy announced the blockade a hospitable official of the Canadian Embassy invited me to dinner. Through a remarkable feat of grass-roots diplomacy he's managed to establish cordial relations with a number of resident and visiting Communists with whom, politically, he has nothing in common except a talent for argument.

Almost certainly the events of the last three weeks have already made such gatherings totally impossible. The only non-Communist guest besides me was a British professional man who has outlasted two previous dictatorships and on that evening still had a dogged but dwindling hope of outlasting this one. There was a young schoolteacher from Canada, the starryeved daughter of a Communist family in British Columbia; she'd come out a few months earlier to serve the revolution. The fourth non-Cuban present was a roving correspondent of the Polish government news agency, a man who's followed the red flag across the world ever since he saw it rise above Warsaw twenty years ago.

To a visitor whose formal contacts with the state apparatus had previously brought nothing but flabby evasions or stony hostility, the most interesting of the guests was a senior economist of the ministry of production. The other Cubans present were the editor of a magazine

for Communist eggheads and his recently divorced wife, whom he was now courting

Though the talk ranged from the horrors inflicted on the Canadian Indian by the fascist RCMP — a subject infloduced at intervals by the young Canadian tacher — to the correct dialectical interpretation of a recent article by Jean-Paul Sartre, it ways came back to "The Russians." As the evening wore on it became apparent that, to the Cubans, the Russians had become a far larger presence than the presence of their own Fidel. A vast presence, an awesome one, a deeply mysterious one. All the Communists, of course, knew the Russians in symbolic terms, as an ikon, the chief article and instrument of their faith. They knew them philosophically and dialectically and historically, as all good Communists
must know the Russians But they did not know them in the flesh; for the Russians have avoided contact with the native populace as carefully as they've sought to stay out of sight of the foreign spies and journalists. For these devoted and otherwise sophisticated Cuban comrades it was as though, after an eternity of aching waits, they found themselves in the glory of the Coming only to learn that the nature of the Comer remained hidden to them.

As the evening wore into early morning the Polish journalist became more and more the focal point of the conversation. He at least had seen the real-life Russians in many places and many attitudes and no scrap of his observation was too small to excite a fresh burst of questions. Yes, he had often seen Khrushchov, a great man, a simple man. Yes, of course, he knew Gromyko, had talked with him many times in private. Yes, he had been in Hungary and seen how the Russians coped with the fascist counter-revolution there; a bitter but necessary thing, and done as humanely as possible. Yes, he had been in Czechoslovakia. He had been in Warsaw too at the end of the war. The Russians had been terribly severe but their severity had never gone beyond absolute correctness.

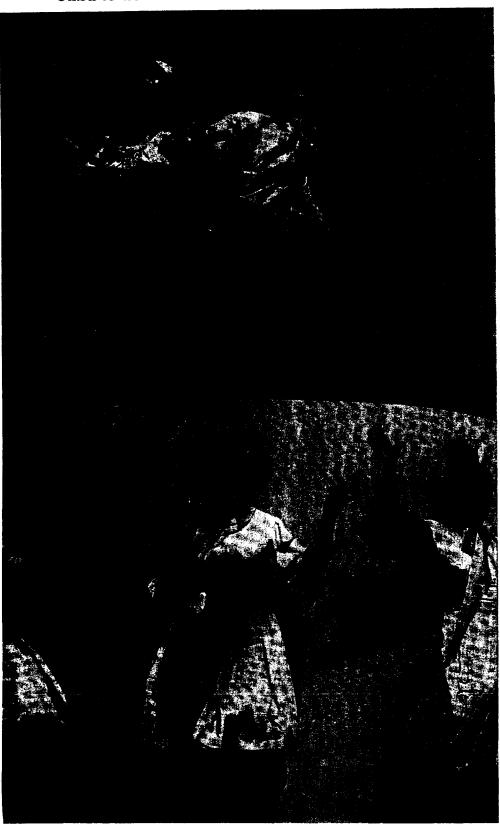
To her obvious surprise the Canadian schoolteacher, who had had little luck in keeping the topic of the Canadian Indian alive, won sole possession of the floor by a passing reference to Russian meat. The government man drew her out. Yes, Russian meat had been the coffee-pickers' only meat in the mountains. Yes, the peasants were able to buy Russian meat sometimes too.

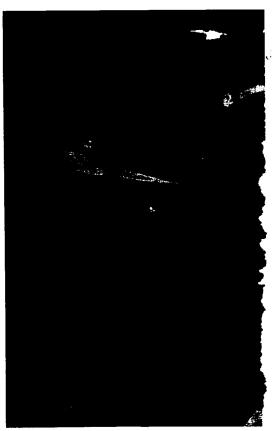
"Did they like it?" the government man asked anxiously.

When you are working for the cause," the

girl said severely, "everything is good."
"The Russians," the ministry of production
man explained rather lamely, "tin their meat in a different way. They cook it lean and rendered and add the CONTINUED OVERLEAF

## "Cuba is not alone." The Comrades come with evidence





Cuba's underground, against Castro's guns is weak and divided. But as this recent picture by a French photographer shows, it does exist.

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fat afterward. Some of our people here in Havana have found it strange to their taste."
"But this —" the staunch Canadian girl was

"But this —" the staunch Canadian girl was now clearly lecturing the Cuban official, "is all to the good. In that way the people are able to take off some of the fat to use for cooking."

"Yes, yes," the Cuban said. Then he added, turning it into a dead-pan joke for the benefit of the capitalist eavesdroppers: "Two of those Russian technicians are working full time at the ministry showing us how to tin Cuban meet."

It was a long time before anyone made an explicit reference to war. To a good Cuban—i.e. a Communist Cuban—the magic, healing, all-purpose word Soviet either erases the smaller, uglier word or reduces it to an unthinkable abstraction, much as the word American or Americanism shields many people of the United States from the thought of real disaster, real error or real doubt.

"There cannot be a war," the government official said. The editor and his wife were quick with their assent. So was the Pole, who has seen so much of war, who saw the last one begin over an equally unthinkable battlefield in his own country.

in his own country.

"Cannot?" I asked, literally and genuinely asked. "Cannot possibly? Cannot conceivable?"

"Not over Cuba," the editor said. "If-Kennedy attacks Cuba he attacks the Soviet Union."

"But suppose, just suppose, Kennedy should decide the Soviet Union has left him no choice."

"But that is impossible," the Castro official said. "The Soviet Union will never give cause to attack. The Americans are bluffing. All

Castro's police state offers few joys to those who live there all the time. But companeros from abroad find the living gay and easy.



that is needed is to call their bluff." I started to remind him that, with no more than a simple transfer of labels, these were the exact sentences that were sounding assurances on the great mainland barely a hundred miles away. But by now it was past four o'clock in the morning, a late hour even for Havana.

IT IS NOT MUCH WONDER that all the perspectives on Cuba seem distorted from some other perspective - too alarmed or too excited; too tolerant or too complacent; too hard or too soft. Everything about the place is larger than life: the subtropical growth, the subtropical storms; the hurry of birth and death, the haste and chanciness of the crops; the speed with which tractors, plows, cars, elevators, houses, trains and factories begin to decay at the first sign of neglect. While they last - quite a number of them get torn down — the statues are larger than life too. So are the splashy propaganda signs: Patria o Muerte, Our Fatherland or Death; Venceremos, We Will Conquer; Cuba no está sola, Cuba is not alone: Cuba ist nicht allein, the same assurance in German; KYBA HE OAHA, which might not pass as adequate Russian everywhere but is nevertheless a faithful transcription from the wall-newspaper of the Cuban foreign ministry. The signs greet you relentlessly. NIKITA y FIDEL in block letters the length and half the height of an entire warehouse on the harbor docks. A crayon posse of Bearded Ones springing out as tall as King Kong from the front entrance of the Havana Libre (formerly the Havana Hilton). A giant painting of Lenin above the renamed Lenin Quay. The only symbol that's diminished is the one the posters and newspaper cartoons show of Uncle Sam. Except for being so palpably degenerate and furtive, he could easily pass for the Walt Disney dwarf, Dopey. There's a boulevard named for Yuri Gagarin and another for Patrice Lumumba. The most CONTINUED ON PAGE 78

Planes entering Cuba are grotesquely empty. Coming out they're almost invariably full. Nearly 2000 Cubans take refuge every week.





# HOW THE CLASS SYSTEM WORKS IN CANADA

Here is new evidence that what your father does and how much he earns for doing it are liable to fix **your** place on the social scale — even here in "classless" Canada BY CHRISTINA McCALL NEWMAN

THERE'S A COMFORTING notion widespread in this country that we live, if not in an entirely classless society, at least in one where all of us are equal in opportunity. In fact, the whole concept of class as a governing force in our lives is somehow repugnant to Canadians. It conjures up pictures of Edwardian dowagers deploring the impertinences of the lower orders. It contradicts everything our public mythmakers, from politicians to high school valedictorians, have been telling us for decades.

The average citizen might concede that there may be a thin lower layer of underprivileged poor (no doubt on their way up) and a narrow upper crust of overprivileged rich (probably on their way down), but all the rest of us belong to a vast, flexible middle class so inclusive that it can't properly be called a class at all.

Recently, however, a number of Canadian social scientists have been taking a closer look at the class question and are convinced that there is a class structure in this country, and what's more that it's actually becoming more rigid as our nation grows older and more complex.

"Every one of us makes judgments in terms of class every day," says John Porter, a professor of sociology at Ottawa's Carleton University, who is probably the foremost expert on the subject in the country. "We may not call it that and we may not know even we're doing it, but class evaluations are a basic factor in our lives."

Professor Porter and his fellow social scientists are investigating, in their academic manner, just how strong an influence class is in dictating our way of life. They believe it can affect where we buy a house, who our friends are, how we're educated, what kind of job we can aspire to and even whether we play bridge or bingo, eat sweet pickles or sour-cream cucumbers, drink instant coffee or espresso cappuccino.

None of this is in itself surprising. We're all aware that some people have more money, more power and more prestige than others and that the degree to which we possess these things can govern the manner in which we live. But in observing differences between groups of Canadians, social scientists go one step fur-

ther toward a conclusion of which most of us are not aware.

They believe that influence and prestige are inherited to a far greater extent than we realize, that the people who have them comprise a separate class which is perpetuating itself as our society evolves; in other words, that power and wealth in our community are being reserved more and more for the children of the powerful and wealthy. (They point out that eight out of ten of the men who run Canada's major corporations come from "privileged" backgrounds.)

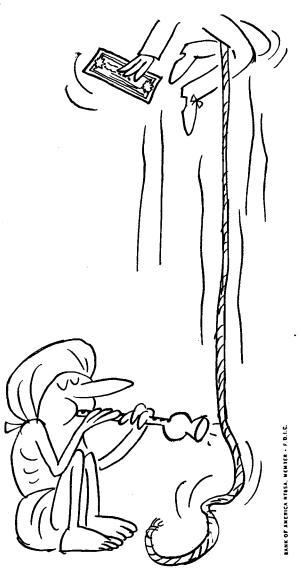
What's even more dampening to our notion of equality is that the converse also holds true. Recent studies by welfare councils in Vancouver and Ottawa have shown that Canada has a group of people who seem to hand down from generation to generation a predilection for failure. These are the so-called multiproblem families who have long records of unemployment, drunkenness, delinquency and dependence on public welfare. (That failure like success can be inherited has been dramatically illustrated by tracing CONTINUED ON PAGE 68

## Who's on top — and who isn't — in our own social pecking order as "science" sees it

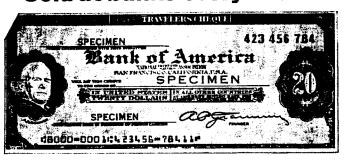
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#### THE CUBAN CRISIS

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Applause and "Viva Kennedy!" as the refugees fly into Florida

endearing sign of all is a Broadwaystyle edifice of neon that was built on the beautiful waterfront highway, the Malecon, in observance of the fourth year of the revolution, officially designated as the Year of Planification The same evil gremlin got into it who used to distribute those placards reading Thimk: this one, with four letters of its proud message blacked out, shines forth as Año de Planif

Since the margin between truth and treason is almost indistinguishable and to many Cubans neither's worth the risk, the rumors burst like orchids. Fidel shot seven more in Cabana prison last night; last night Fidel shot seventeen more; they shot seventeen more last night, my sister heard the guns and cries; the Yanquis have set the invasion for November the seventh, the day after their election; the Yanquis have decided to invade on Christmas Day; the Congolese stevedores that the Russians have brought in to unload their ships - so nobody can talk to them of course - not only have rings in their noses but carry spears; the Russians have set up another atomic base and another prison camp; the whole of Camagiley is on fire, all the regular soldiers there have been killed and half the militia have deserted.

Going into Cuba or coming out again, this sense of enlargement is still all around - a sense of enlarged apprehensions, enlarged expectations and very large and genuine tragedy. On the trip from Miami to Havana even the emptiness of the twice-a-day Pan American clipper seems grotesquely overdone. Usually, along with the little mountain of food parcels that people on the outside are still allowed to send to people on the inside, the big plane carries no more than half a dozen passengers, all of them as silent and uncommunicative as a cast of characters by Graham Greene. On the way back to Miami the plane seems impossibly full. All its 109 seats are always occupied, except those reserved for and missed, at the last minute and perhaps forever, by the unfortunate three or four papers, appearance or meagre belongings have failed to pass the final inspection at the airport by the immigration authorities, the customs authorities or the secret police. The children, who are dressed to the nines and scrubbed as though for their first communion, succumb to the excitement from the moment the wheels come up, rushing back and forth across the aisles to catch a view of the handsome Havana waterfront; the storied old pile of Morro Castle, the white shaft of the José Marti monument, the green hills going down to the green sea and many other things some of them will never see again. The older people sit still and quiet. To get this far they've waited between two months and a year or more, answering questions, filling out forms, giving up all they own without any hope or claim of recompense, and



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#### Refugees: patriots or freeloaders?

There have been endless arguments about the real character and motivation of the Cuban refugees. Are they as some of them certainly were in the beginning — the frightened and guilty accomplices of Batista looking for a place to hide? Are they genuine patriots willing to give up their country for the chance of making it free? Are they - to put it as crudely as some of the crowded and impatient people of Florida have begun to put it mere trouble-making opportunists and freeloaders on the generosity of the U.S.A.? I've talked to many of the early ones and recent ones both, and am convinced no one will ever find a blanket statement to fit them all. They're not heroes and only a minority of them claim to be. They're fairly ordinary people who made the agonizing discovery that the place of their birth had ceased to be a tolerable place to live in, for them or for their children. The basic things that brought them to pay the bitter cost of exile are much the same as those, before the wall went up, that sent people streaming out of East Berlin. It's not, any longer, a political flight. The mistrust of socialism as such was an important factor only among the first waves of the absconding rich. Even when Castro made his dramatic announcement that he'd always been a Communist in disguise there was no widespread sense of shock. Most of the people who've come to mistrust, fear or hate him do so not as a matter of ideology but as a matter of day-today living. He's surrounded them with soldiers; man soldiers, woman soldiers; regular soldiers, part-time soldiers; real soldiers, play soldiers; girl soldiers, boy soldiers; soldiers on every street and at the entrance to every public building. Cubans are instinctively nervous about soldiers of any kind, of whom they have seen too many under the rule of too many caudillos. In addition to investing them with soldiers, Castro has placed his voteless and voiceless citizens under the surveillance of block committees, the civilian vigilantes who have the right and duty to observe and report on every detail of their neighbors' conduct, from the parcels they bring home to the hours they keep, the friends they visit and the friends who visit them. He has liquidated the private farmer by absorbing

he's liquidating the collectives by making them fully state-owned. He's wiped out the laborer's right to bargain for his hire (even under Batista strikes were permitted). He's abolished the wicked free-spending tourist from the U.S. A. and replaced him with the earnest, frugal tourist from South Viet Nam, People's China, Mexico or Czechoslovakia. He's routed Marilyn Monroe out of the movie houses and replaced her with message films from the USSR. He's denuded

the bookstands, newsstands and record counters of all reading and all music that doesn't have a socialist theme or a socialist source.

Most important of all to the average Cuban, Castro isn't delivering enough food. The ration is a meagre one, three quarters of a pound of meat a week, five eggs a month, milk only if there are children under seven, fish and fruit often absolutely unottainable. on the ration or off. "We're a banana republic all right,"

a Cuban householder said to me after we'd visited half a dozen pharmacies in the hope of finding some medicine for his wife. "The only difference is that since the Yanquis moved out and the Russians moved in we haven't even got the bananas."

Among the disgruntled consumers there's a widespread suspicion that the bananas, oranges and coconuts, like a high percentage of the basic crop of sugar cane, are going to the communist countries in hard horse-trades



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him into a collective farm, and now

for wheat, oil, soap, lard, canned meat, guns, planes, trucks and tractors and political concessions whose ultimate cost is beyond guessing. But no matter how much speculation goes on about the reasons for the consumer shortage, there's no reason to speculate about its existence. Even the tight rationing hasn't stopped the storeshelves from falling bare. I window-shopped many corner groceries, both in Havana and in the villages and towns of the nearby countryside, in

which the entire stock consisted of three or four dozen tins of vegetables or fish and one big sack of beans and another of rice. When the meat shops open to dispense the ration they invariably attract long and far from cheerful queues.

It is trickier to make generalizations about the restaurants and trickier still to make them about such capitalist left-overs as bars and girlie joints. The restaurants fall into two classes, those that have been nationalized and those

that haven't. The nationalized ones usually have food of some kind to go with the unfailing supply of unfailingly magnificent coffee. It is not prohibitive in price — twenty-five cents for a bowl of soup, twenty cents for a couple of dry rolls, seventy cents for a plate of enchiladas — but the quality is appalling.

The un-nationalized eating places have either gone broke because of the lack of supplies or, in a very few cases, have made grey-market or black-market arrangements which permit them to serve a good three-to-six-dollar meal for roughly twice that much.

In the big hotels frozen daiquiris are still available at sixty cents. The smaller rum mills peddle an imitation Bacardi-and-cane-juice. The gambling casinos are closed, but the state lottery is still a major industry. Cockfights flourish and the Havana racetrack stays open two days a week with the help of some of the least agile horses and the most agile jockeys in the hemisphere. The little nightclubs along the Prado and its side streets have clung valiantly to their pre-revolutionary schedule of shows at mid-night and three a.m. They're sexy. tuneful and non-political. Not so the bigger and more lavish revues in the former playgrounds of the international movie and gambling sets, the Tropicana, the Riviera and the Capri. There the chorus lines start out pure Latin but at least once a night they smother themselves in Cossack smocks, jeans, boots and Astrakhans and come back for a Russian number. The night I was at the Copa room of the Riviera, they drove the theme home even harder by throwing documentary movies on a screen composed of chorus girls and having the tenor sing a specially composed song called The World with Cuba.

#### A room fit for Al Capone

These dubious pleasures, of course. never were a major concern of the populace and can't be considered a major index of the state or temper of the nation. A much better barometer, statistically at least, may lie in the curious condition of the currency. From one point of view it's astonishingly healthy; from another it's sick to the verge of death. The Cuban peso is pegged at par with the U.S. dollar and in terms of domestic buying power — when you can find things to buy - it's worth that much or even more. For ten pesos a day, which I paid virtuously in ten honest dollars, the Riviera Hotel gave me a waterfront room fit for Al Capone. For one dollar in Havana you get a longer taxi ride than you get in Toronto for two. Once you've adjusted to the fact that it will be either inexpensive and awful or pretty expensive and fairly good, the real, one-dollar-for-onepeso, cost of a meal in Havana represents as fair a gamble as any random meal in Montreal or New York. On consumer goods obtainable and sold legally the prices are comparable to Eaton's or Dominion Stores.

But when the peso is thrown on its own, without controls or support, it shrinks to as little as a tenth of its official size. On the main street of Miami there's a store that stocks perfectly genuine fifty-peso Cuban bills and sells them, as openly and lawfully as soap flakes, at two for fifteen American dollars. That's a rate of nearly seven pesos to the dollar, as compared to the official one-for-one. And even in Havana, where to be caught undermining the currency could mean a long prison term or even death, the rate of exchange is governed mainly by the proximity of the cops.

This lack of confidence in the economy may be, as the Cuban press in-



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sists, no more than a lingering sign of capitalist decadence and cupidity. But there are other evidences of malaise that can't be shrugged off, no matter how much they may be deplored. The most apparent one is the shortage of spare parts for machinery of all kinds. To a far greater extent than Canada has ever been, Cuba, before Castro, was an appendage of the United States business plant. Eighty percent of its imports came from the U.S. and it imported with a manic zest. Coca-Gillette Blue Blades, Doublemint Chewing Gum and Gerber Baby Foods were part of the Cuban way of life. Castro's expropriations, and then the total collapse of trade and diplomatic relations, paved the way for a binge with the stockpiles, and if they couldn't be replaced no vast harm was expected to ensue. But long after the last smacks were exchanged over the last of the brand-name goodies, it came sadly home that Cuba's whole industrial underpinning was built on cam-shafts, carburetors and universal joints that came from the U.S. A. too. Now - in cars, in tractors, in cement mixers, in trains - the parts are breaking down and the places that used to fix them are closed up. Spare parts have become so general and generally melancholy a subject of conversation that when that's the subject it's hard to separate the Fidelistas from the anti-Fidelistas.

"I was looking for a spare part for my car," an anti-Fidelista cab driver said. "I needed the same thing once before and they charged me twentyeight dollars. This time I spent six days finding the part and they charged me a hundred and seventy-five dollars to put it in."

"The cable isn't vanished," a pro-Fidel militiaman said as he escorted me, on foot, to the top of a tall building. "It is merely worn. If it should go the elevator will go. For the time being it would be desirable to have a new cable."

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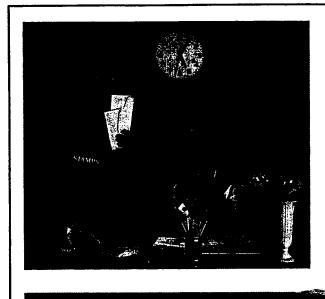
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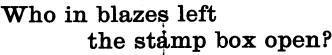
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Sugar production is down in 1962, twenty percent down from the big crop of 1961. It will be down again in 1963 but is expected to come back in 1964. One reason why these predictions can be made so far ahead is this year's drought. Another is the recent history of under-planting and over-cutting and the lassitude and over-optimistic movement to the cities of the experienced cutters. A man who grew sugar and cattle under three dictatorships and miraculously stayed out

of political trouble with all of them, showed me his government-stamped books. On his ranch the average killing weight of a steer used to be more than a thousand pounds. After expropriation it dropped to eight hundred pounds—"everything in a hurry and now we're short of meat and leather both." Milk production went to half and in some months to a fifth. "When they collectivized us the cane cutters were put on a base of seventy-five cents a day and when the crop was

measured they were supposed to get a sharing bonus. But they didn't get the bonus and they quit showing up and now they have Peoples' Harvests — starry-eyed kids rushing out from Havana shouting slogans and singing songs and cutting their own legs off. Not everybody can handle a machete. Aside from the labor, which is terrible, you have to know how high or how low to cut, and what canes to leave standing so next year's crop will be all right. Now they're talking about





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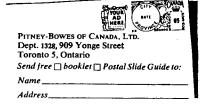
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The economic troubles of the Castro regime and the dissatisfaction of its subjects don't necessarily mean it's doomed. Over the short haul it probably means the opposite, for with the Yanquis to blame for everything the government has a scapegoat equivalent to Hitler's Jews. Castro has just fought, and apparently won, a hard battle with the "old" Communists and emerged in control of the whole apparatus of power. This includes nearly 100,000 members of the regular army, 300,000 members of the militia, and the far larger complex of people who sit behind the rubber stamps and business forms. The left-wing intellectuals are still with him and so are the student boarders, the teen-agers who've moved by the thousand into the re-converted villas of the Miramar. "It's crazy to talk about another rising," one man said to me. "Fidel owns the guns, the pens and the blackboards. Who wants to rise?

How much this uneasy state of pacification depends on the presence of the Russians, and its implications, is anybody's guess. Russian-watching is a universal hobby, and not a simple one, for most of the Russians hide out in simple shirts and jeans. Actually I didn't see more than fifty of them in the time I spent in Cuba, and even those would be difficult to verify. But my zeal in seeking them out was considerably lessened when the official spokesman of the foreign ministry widd me there were "many" Russians in the republic and there would no doubt be many more.

As the man at the foreign office was indicating, the precise number of Russians in Cuba is not the pressing issue. The kind and quantity of offensive weapons the Russians have installed there, of course, is another matter but not one that a visiting journalist can probe accurately without getting shot. But he can assess Castro's gains and losses in the war of ideas.

#### "A thousand dollars per death!"

As already indicated here, Castro's taken a huge propaganda defeat through his inability to provide his country with a better life. But other dictators have inflicted worse fates on their people and gotten away with it. Castro has an almost incalculable backlog of anti-Americanism going for him. The incredible Bay of Pigs invasion of April, 1961, was only its climax. Long, long before that until Franklin Roosevelt stopped it, the U.S. Marines were in the habit of planting the U.S. flag almost anywhere they chose below the Mexican border. The Monroe Doctrine, forbidding European nations to expand in the western hemisphere, was a prop that many Latin strong men leaned on while it suited them. But the Platt Amendment, permitting the U.S. to intervene in the affairs of Cuba in any way it decided, has been at the disposal of anti-American Latin orators for fifty years. It was actually in effect until 1934.

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#### No special credit for Canadians

What's surprising about this sort of thing isn't that it's listened to and obediently cheered, but that when the noise dies down, nobody takes it very seriously. The average Cuban just does not hate the Yanquis. As one of the very few non-Communist, unsponsored. English-speaking visitors they've allowed into Cuba lately, I was an object of curiosity everywhere I went. From experience in other places abroad I've concluded that it's always a good idea for a Canadian to identify himself as such; you get credit for the virtues of both the Americans and the British and escape the blame for their faults. In theory this should have been particularly true in Cuba, for our refusal to join the U.S. boycott, at least until Kennedy's missile announcement, made as many headlines in Havana as in Miami. But people I met in Cuba made it perfectly clear that they were far more impressed by the stand of the United States than by the stand that was taken by Canada.

One of these men was a university professor from Belgium who's been firmly persuaded by a Cuban official that Canadian trade with Cuba was three times as large as it had ever been (in fact it dropped off to almost nothing even before Oct. 22, because they had no money).

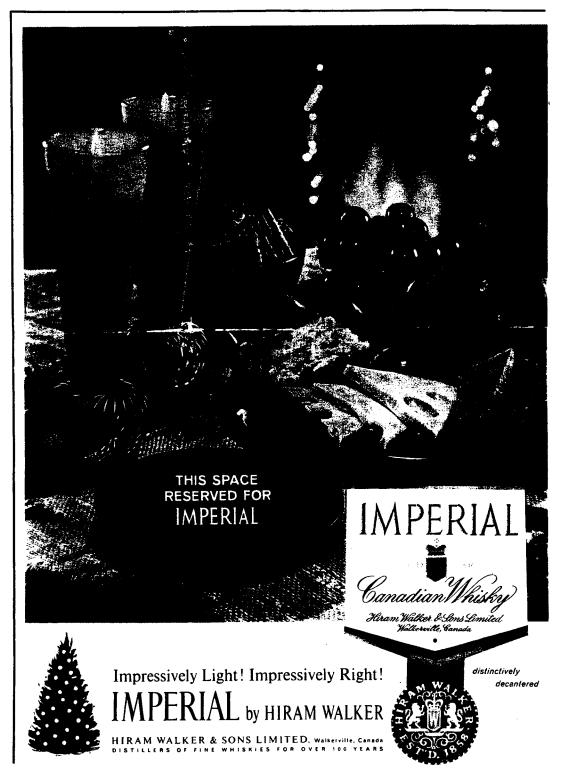
I had to double back to Washington for an interview with José Miro Cardona, a former prime minister of Cuba, a brief but quickly disillusioned champion of Fidel and now the head of the Cuban Revolutionary Council. "The Canadians," he remarked amiably, "are the Phoenicians of America. Their ships and their cargoes go where there is business to be done."

It's an insulting remark but not an easy one to answer. For many months the Canadian Embassy in Washington has received more difficult and hostile questions about Cuba than about any other single matter. To President Kennedy's announcement of the missile bases on Cuba, External Affairs Minister Howard Green responded with an announcement that Canada will allow no more Russian aircraft to land here on flights to Cuba. But the cabinet, in view of the fact that all

shipments from Canada to Cuba were already being inspected to make sure they included no weapons, decided that for the time being the U.S. Navy's "quarantine" left our position unchanged. On Oct. 23 in Ottawa, and for how much longer no one could foresee, it was business as usual. Some Canadian trade officials I talked with in the U.S. and Cuba are convinced that this will turn out to be very bad business for us indeed. More than one U.S. businessman has threatened—so

far informally and unofficially—that if we persist, we can expect unofficial boycotts of Canadian goods in the U.S. that will far exceed the trifling trade we're carrying on with Cuba now. But for many Canadians in these last weeks the issue has been one not of commerce but of conscience: in its simplest terms, whose side are we on?

The whole world is facing agonizing decisions over Cuba. The answers lie nowhere in Canada, nowhere near the reach of Fidel Castro. but in the nerves of John F. Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchov. Each of them must believe even now that a war over Cuba is absurd. But each of them must have pondered, also, the theory of José Miro Cardona: "The world war and the war in Cuba have been going on for many years. What must be decided is where the next battle takes place. I believe it must and will be in Cuba and whatever the cost, that is where it will be fought and won."





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### THE SHORT WORK WEEK

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### Will moonlighting increase with shorter hours? Already 3 million workers have more than one job

Efforts to reduce the standard work week while continuing actual hours worked at former levels (more premium pay for 'overtime' or the same pay for fewer hours), force up labor costs in the industries involved under the guise of a so-called 'social gain.' Such increases in labor costs would result in higher prices to consumers and make it more difficult for American industry to meet the challenges of foreign competition."

The National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce both claim, emphatically, that shorter hours would lead to more "moonlighting" — the practice of - the practice of working at two jobs. A Labor Department survey in December, 1960, found there were 3.000,000 Americans holding more than one job. This was 4.6 percent of all employed workers, and a number about equal to the number of unemployed. Labor unions say, though, that when the statistics are broken down, they include many whose secondary job is part-time — a farmer who drives a school bus, a school teacher doing private tutoring. a factory worker repairing television sets at his home. The unions claim, too, that a lot of moonlighting can be traced to low wages, and that if weekly earnings were maintained a shorter working week would not be likely to increase moonlighting much.

### Back to school at \$140 a week

The unions are not without further answers for the opponents of shorter hours. While there is an enormous building boom in New York city, Harry Van Arsdale says he fought for a twenty-five-hour week for two reasons: first, while his members were fully employed, there were unemployed construction electricians in neighboring centres. Second, he expects the current building boom to peter out. and used an advantageous bargaining position to prepare for a possible slump. While Local Three has no precise statistics, its shorter day has pro-vided work for hundreds of electricians from outside New York and, in addition, the union has taken on an extra nine hundred apprentices. It employed six hundred college students during the summer, among them thirty or forty African students who are attending American universities on meagre scholarships.

Van Arsdale has set up an elaborate training program for his members, who receive \$140 a week for going to school to learn to be more efficient. This money is provided by contractors under their agreement with the union. Even employers riled by his insistence on a curtailed work week regard Van Arsdale with grudging admiration and say his men are highly trained and don't "soldier" on the job. Van Arsdale believes that the more efficient his members are, the more he can get for them.

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any interest in Spindel. There is therefore every indication that this is a flight of fantasy by Spindel to enhance his own image.

We have considered covering Spindel's residence on November 18 but we believe that because of the closeness of NY 694-S\* to Spindel's alleged scheme that any coverage undertaken would be a risk to the security of our informant. Through our informant we are in a position to control this situation and take decisive action when such would be warranted. Now is not the time for such and at this point this is merely so much talk.

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For your information. We will follow the situation through the informant.

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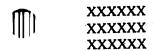
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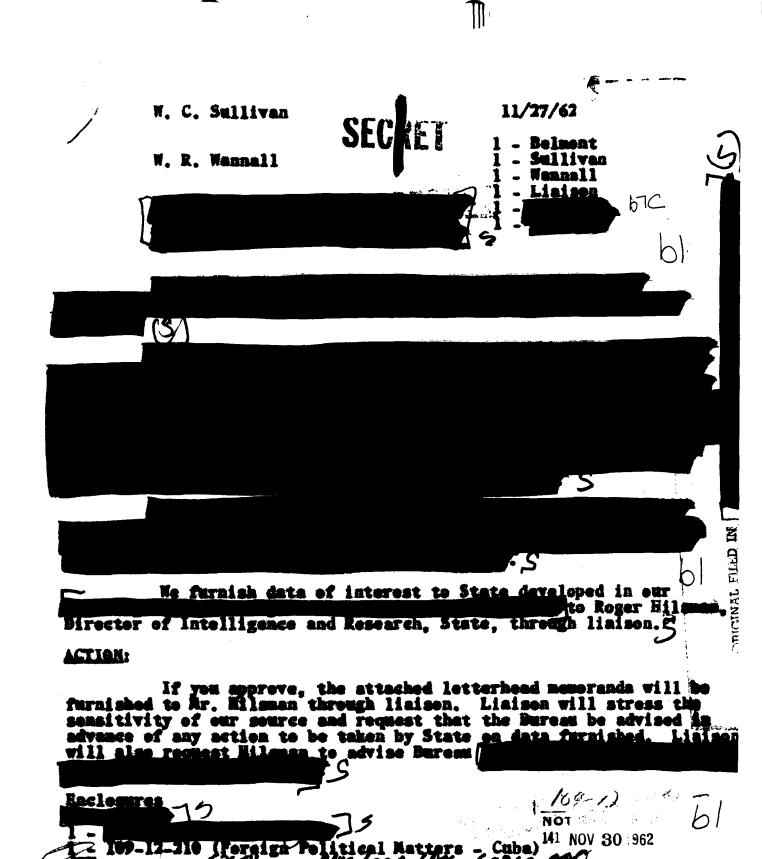
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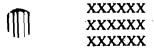
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On October 7, 1960, a confidential source advised that he received information in July, 1960, that the Communist Cuban Government at that time was planning to print counterfeit American dollar currency.

The well known Cuban Communist a former employee of the firm "Crusellas y Compania" of Havana, Cuba, was to be in charge of the counterfeiting.

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The source stated that had been arrested various times for his Communist activities by the "Buro de Repression de Actividades Extranjeras" (Bureau for the Repression of Foreign Activities), which operated under the BATISTA regime.

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## CUBAN GOVERNMENT PLANS TO PRINT COUNTERFEIT AMERICAN CURRENCY

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**MEMORANDUM** 

UNITED STATES GOVERNM HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED EXCEPT where shown otherwise. 🚁 DATE: 11/15/62 TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (109-12-210) SAC, NEW YORK (109-112) (RUC) SUBJECT: FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA IS-CUBA Re Miami letter to Bureau with enclosure dated October 15, 1962. Enclosed for the Bureau are nine copies of a letterhead memo, dated and captioned as above, containing , information relative to referenced Miami letter with enclosure dated 10/15/62. For the information of the Bureau, Denver and Miami, it is to be noted that cooperative with the NYO in the past. has interviewed several times and has found him to be most cooperative and it is to be pointed out that at the request of the Bureau, testified at a hearing held by the Subversive Activities Control Board relative to advised on 11/5/62that he had read the article in question and stated that it was an account of a recent trip to Cuba and the general tenor of the article was anti-CASTRO rather than pro-CASTRO. Bureau (109-12-210) (Encls. 9) (RM) 1-Denver (Info) (Enc. 1) (RM) 5-Miami (105-174<u>7)</u> 747 Sub\_IT) 11 NOV 20 1962 1-New York FJO: emd Copy to: CIA/State/RAO NAT. INVISEC. 1062 ONI/OSI/ACSI

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mentioned in enclosed memorandum is cand is acquainted With many former cattlemen from tuba. The source of mentioned in the enclosed memorandum, is whom advised was ubA now in Miami, Flor da and can be located at telephone number advised that he had spoken to and stated that intimately and it is being left to the discretion of the Miami Office as to whether or not they desire to contact concerning It is also pointed out that advised that **b**7ClD in conversation with he was surprised to lear that was in favor of the present Cuban Government because it was the understanding of was working and cooperating with the underground in Cuba. Sources of the NYO, mentioned in enclosed (5 memorandum are contacted on 10/26/62, contacted on 10/23/62. Both sources were contacted by SA

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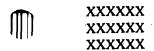
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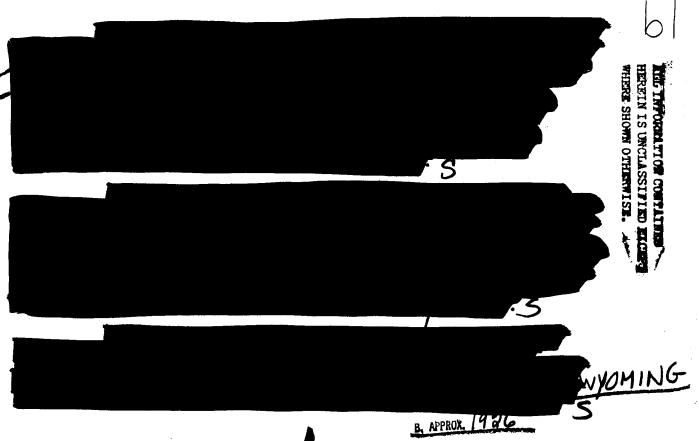
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The files of the New York Office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) reflect that

which, in general, was a factual account of what he had observed while in Cuba.

in the past and who previously was engaged in sugar and cattle enterprises in Cuba, stated on November 2, 1962, that from a source available to him, he learned that was a cattleman with a ranch in the province of Pinar del Rio, Cuba.

Stated that he learned that the ranch which is operated by the Revolutionary Government of Cuba and that it had been returned to on a later date.

concerning the return of the ranch to stated that he had learned that the ranch was returned because had brought pressure on the Cuban Government through the Belgian Government because at the time of the intervention and the return of the ranch, Cuba was purchasing weapons from Belgium.

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also advised that he had been informed by his source that at the ranch owned by the had built a home which is valued at approximately \$100,000. Further stated that he had learned that was in some way related to the family of Massachusetts but was not positive of how close the relationship was.

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Cuban Government.

Sources of the New York Office of the FBI who are familiar with certain phases of Cuban activity, and who have furnished reliable information in the past, advised that the names of and were unknown to them.

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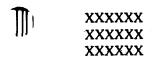
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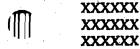
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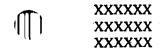
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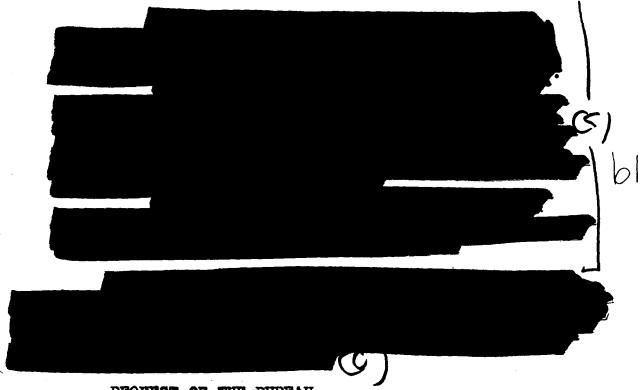
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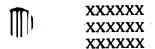
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DATE: 11-23-62

FROM: Legal Attaché, Madrid (109-16) (P.)

SUBJECT:

FOREIGN POLITICAL MATTERS - CUBA

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Re Madrid letter 9-27-62.

On 11-20-62

in Spain, advised that and minor child, conceptic passport same passport, arrived in Madrid,

Spain, on that date from Havana aboard Iberia Airlines flight #942. identified these individuals as the

wife and daughter of

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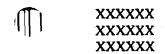
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INFORMATIVE NOTE

On 10/19/62 NY 694-S advised that Bernard Spindel had told of an offer, presumably from a CIA agent to kill Castro. Spindel, a wire tappexpert, has been recently utilized by Isidore Needleman and the CP in NY allegedly to check for telephone taps.

Spindel is apparently attempting to build up his prestige with Needleman and the P for more tway " Furposes.

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ReNyairtel, 10/19/62, reflecting that on 10/19/62, BERNARD SPINDEL, wire tapping expert, told NY 694-8\* and ISIDORE GIBBY NEEDLEMAN that he had been offered a "contract", allegedly by a "CIA agent," to kill FIDEL GASTRO.

On 11/14/62, NY 694-S\* furnished the following information to SA

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On 10/14/62, NY 694-S\* went to the office of ISIDORE NEEDLEMAN to obtain from the latter information regarding SPINDEL's investigations on behalf of the CPUSA in the Midwest. When the informant arrived at NEEDLEMAN's office, he discovered that NEEDLEMAN was not there, but that SPINDEL was there, alone. NY 694-S\* notes that he was introduced to SPINDEL originally as "JUAN;" a Cuban contact man. Informant stated that the following is the conversation engaged in by him and SPINDEL, and later by NEEDLEMAN, who arrived at the office a few minutes after the informant did: **REC-46** 

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SPINDEL:

"Last Sunday night I was contacted again by the people (the alleged CIA agents). They came to my home. I knew one, but not the other, and they gave me until Sunday next to make up mymind if I would take the contract (to assassinate CASTRO). What shall I do?"

Informant:

"Your story sounds so fantastic that I am still spinning. I don't know what to tell you."

At this point, NEEDLEMAN entered the office.

Informant to SPINDEL: "What did you say your name is?"

SPINDEL: "SPINDEL."

Informant to NEEDLEMAN: "He tells me he has until Sunday to accept the proposition he told us about last time. I think it should be resolved one way or another."

At this point, NEEDLEMAN asked SPINDEL to leave the room for a few moments.

Informant to NEEDLEMAN: "This guy is crazy. I don't know who he is. Either get him off the hook or go through with this. Let's hear what he has to say, but he must give us facts."

NEEDLEMAN: "Let's have a talk with him, and find out what it's all about."

Enter SPINDEL.

Informant:

"Mr. NEEDLEMAN and I have decided to hear you out so that we may record what is to be done. In the event you accept this contract to assassinate CASTRO, it will be on the record."

NEEDLEMAN to SPINDEL: 'What will happen if you don't accept the contract?"

SPINDEL:

"There are others who can do it. There are five other people who can make it (the drone, mentioned in reairtel). It (the drone) is a standard mechanism, and a closed circuit is put in which guides the mechanism to a pinpointed spot. It takes 30 days to make. There will be 90 days from the building of the drone to the launching."

Informant:

"When I heard your story first, it sounded as if you were a nut. If we were to tell NEEDLEMAN's friends (the Cubans) the details, they wouldn't believe us. What are the facts? What is the name of the fellow (the alleged CIA agent)?"

SPINDEL:

"I don't know the names of the fellows."

Informant:

"It may be a BATISTA agent."

SPINDEL" "Maybe you are right. My reputation is such that all kinds of people come to me. Look me up in the New York Times Index. I did that kind of work for TRUJILLO with other types of equipment. It may sound fantastic to you, but TRUJILLO thought

I was a nut, but not afterwards."

Informant:

"What do you have to gain? Suppose I should expose you and what if we were to tell interested parties and they should expose you? Where do you stand?"

SPINDEL:

"I don't expect to be exposed."

NEEDLEMAN:

"What do you want to gain?"

SPINDEL:

"Replace DONOVAN in the prisoner exchange business."

Informant:

"Right now if you were to expose such a thing, CASTRO would break all negotiations between the USA and Russia. Do you think CASTRO would tolerate MIKOYAN talking to him about negotiations at the same time when a group in the USA is planning to assassinate him with a rocket?"

SPINDEL:

"You have a point there."

NEEDLEMAN TO SPINDEL: "Let me talk alone with JUAN (NY 694-S\*)."

Exit SPINDEL.

Informant to NEEDLEMAN: "You really made it complicated. What do you want to do about it. This, of course, would make you and us look good if we should tell the Russians."

NEEDLEMAN:

"Let's tell him to accept the contract, and let's demand from him that we see this drone. Get all the dope and then expose the guy, have him arrested, and then we'll be heroes."

#### SPINDEL returns.

NEEDLEMAN:

"We talked this over and decided it would be a good idea for you to take this contract and then you have actual proof. When you are ready, we want to see the equipment and see how it works."

SPINDEL:

"I agree. Then we will tell them (the Cubans) that a group of people are planning to assassinate CASTRO with a particular weapon. My base (launching base) is in West Palm Beach."

NEEDLEMAN:

"How can you get through the U. S. Navy?"

SPINDEL:

"It can be done. We can tell the interested party what we have, when we are going to do it, and also that it (the drone) can be diverted. Make a condition to be on guard, but nevertheless,

the missile can be made to go off target.

In exchange, I will take the 1100 prisoners."

NEEDLEMAN:

"Never mind the prisoners. You will be given

money."

SPINDEL:

"O.K., I'll take money, too."

NY 694-S\* stated that SPINDEL reiterated that he would be contacted at his home on Sunday, 11/18/62, by the alleged CIA agent or agents.

At this point, the conversation was concluded.

Director, FBI (109-12-210)

DATE: 11-27-62

Legal Attaché, Madrid (109-16) (P.)

SUBJECT:

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Re Madrid letter 11-23-62.

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Spain, that the wife and child of

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had recently arrived in Spain from Cuba.

On 11-26-62 advised that he had occasion on 11-23-62 to meet with described as a minor employee of the Cuban Embassy in Madrid. that he questioned as to whether or not might be preparing to defect inasmuch as he had brought his family to Spain from Cuba. stated that he doubted that had any intentions of defecting inasmuch as considers to be Communist and a supporter of FIDEL's Communist regime.

stated that state is not believed to be a Communist or supporter of FIDEL CASTRO, but because of personal family reasons must support the current Cuban government. that he has a minor position in the Embassy and does not have access to confidential information and is not invited to official conferences.

The above is submitted as of possible interest to the Bureau.

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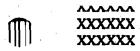
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On November 27, 1962, a confidential informant reported that the Cuban merchant vessel, SS "Bahia Mariel," arrived in Veracruz, Mexico, from Havana, Cuba, on November 6 or 7, 1962, to take on a cargo of 3,700 tons of rice and 5,000 tons of beans.

The informant advised that just before the vessel's departure from Havana, the Cuban Minister of Transportation and the Director of the Mambisa Lines, operators of the SS "Bahia Mariel," appeared on board the vessel accompanied by seven men. The captain of the vessel was ordered to transport these persons to Mexico Without listing any of them as passengers or crew members. As a result of the captain's objections, two of the seven were listed on the manifest as crew members or passengers. Both of these individuals were officers of the Cuban G-2. One had the rank of major and the second had the rank of captain.

During the voyage, the seven individuals took care to show themselves as little as possible. Upon arriving in Veracruz, they stayed aboard the vessel until all crew members had left. Only then did the seven leave the vessel. The five men who were not listed on any of the ship's manifests were not Cuban nationals. All seven left the vessel armed and in possession of radio equipment.

These seven individuals left Cuba illegally and entered Mexico illegally. It is assumed by the informant that these persons were on a clandestine and illegal secret mission on behalf of the Castro Government.

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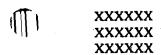
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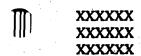
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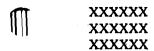
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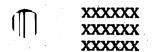
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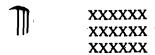
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The Miami local file of 105-6542 is being placed in a closed status with one copy of instant letterhead memorandum.

Since the exact procedure of soliciting a permit to leave Cuba and the procedure through which an applicant must pass before obtaining the permit may be of interest to New York and Washington Field, one copy of instant letterhead memorandum is furnished to each of those offices for // information.

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This individual is about 50/years of age, married and residing in exile in Miami since about the first of September, 1962. He has residing at the time of entering to presently resides at with his wife and two sons, ages 16 and 20 years.

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It was about this time that RAMIRO VALDES took charge of the Department of Immigration and made it a part of the Ministry of Public Order (MOP). This fact, in addition to the appointment of LUIS COBPAL, a member of the Cuban Communist Party, to the position of Officer in Charge of the Issuance of Exit Permits from Cuba, influenced his resignation.

were aided in securing visas to enter the United States by and both of whom are former employees of the American Embassy in Havana.

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### OPERATIONS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF IMMIGRATION

Prior to FIDEL CASTRO, the Department of Immigration was an autonomous organization and received its pay directly from the Public Treasury. Its offices included documented records and indices where all foreigners who entered the country were registered. The Department only registered the entrances and exits of Cubans to and from the national territory in order to certify their names to the Tribunals of Justice or to the interested parties when they might desire some type of certification as to their presence in, or absence from, the country.

With the triumph of the CASTRO Revolutionary Government, the power of Department of Immigration was considerably lessened. In the first place, although there was a great increase in the number of people coming from Russia, Czechoslovakia, and Soviet satellite countries, it did not by any means compensate for the great drop in the general entrance of foreigners from the United States into Cuba. With the decrease in work, large numbers of the employees were dismissed or transferred to other ministries of the government.

Also, at approximately the beginning of 1962, permits to leave the country, which had been handled since the beginning of the Revolutionary Government under the Technical Department of Investigations of the National Revolutionary Police, were transferred by RAMIRO VALDES to the Immigration Department. This particular section of Immigration dealing with the permits to leave the country then accumulated a tremendous amount of work due to the large number of Cubans desiring to leave Cuba. All requests for permission to leave the country, which were presented to the various police stations throughout Havana and all of the Republic of Cuba, had to be processed by the Section of Immigration known as the Department of Vigencias, which literally means the Operations Department, but, in effect, is the Department of Exit Permits.

To take care of this large amount of work, some of the most competent old employees were retained and others were chosen because of their affiliation with the Communist



Party and placed in positions of authority in order to check on those to whom exit permits were to be issued.

The chief of the new department was LUIS SOBRAL appointed by RAMIRO VALDES. Stated RAMIRO VALDES is a well known leader of the Cuban Communist Party and he appointed SOBRAL as a loyal party member who had already been doing this same class of work in the Technical Department of Investigations. The actual procedure of this department from the time of application of a would-be traveler up until the time of issuance of the permit to travel, or to leave the country, is as follows:

#### PROCESSING OF EXIT PERMITS

- (1) Every person over ten years of age who desires to leave the country shall first submit all of his documentation to one of the police stations qualified to receive such documentation. In order to do this, the applicant shall first apply for an interview. This interview and the opportunity to present his documentation is usually given him in from one to two months.
- (2) On the day appointed for the interview, the person should appear at the police station with all his documentation and a formal request is filled out which sets forth, among other things, complete name and family history, political affiliation, whether or not the applicant has ever been arrested for political crimes, whether or not any member of his family is under arrest for a political crime, and whether or not any members of his family have fled to the United States by illegal means.
- (3) The police station, after taking down all of the above data, returns the documentation to the applicant and all data, thus far acquired, is furnished to the Immigration Department.



- (4) The offices processing exit permits operate in the old offices of General Immigration Headquarters in a small space very inaccessible to the general public, which is constantly patrolled by members of the National Militia; these permit only the entrance of the employees of the department and of persons who bring a pass or authorization issued by Minister of the Interior RAMIRO VALDES.
- (5) As the packages containing the applications and data taken by the police are received by dates, they are also filed by dates without opening the packages. In from ten to fifteen days each individual package or heavy envelope is opened to make a brief inspection of the data and to remove the request presented by persons desiring to abandon the country and who desire to leave their houses, businesses, automobiles or other property of value; and also to select and remove those applications concerning applicants against whom the Committee for Defense of the Revolution (CDR) has formulated accusations.
- (6) The above cases are then given priority for investigation. The investigation may be ordered of the police by Immigration or it may be assigned to members of the Cuban G-2. The initial investigation may also be ordered conducted by the Committee for Defense of the Revolution (CDR), the members of which inform the Immigration Department directly. The CDR sometimes renders the results of an investigation at the very moment when a person is prepared to leave Cuba at the Havana Airport. Since many of these investigations are intended only to harrass and annoy the person wishing to leave the country, the results are frequently presented late and the person removed from the flight list at the very time he is supposed to board the airplane.
- (7) As a general rule, if there is no extremely derogatory political information indicating that the person has operated against the Government of FIDEL CASTRO, a person who leaves a house, car, furniture and other property of great value, is given priority in permission to leave the country. This person can obtain a permit to leave the country



much sooner than a person with no property to leave, and certainly much sooner than any person who desires to content the Government's right to the property or who has attempted to sell or otherwise dispose of the property.

- (8) At this point another employee of the Department, usually employees chosen because they are "loyal to the party," makes a check of the applicant's name against a card index furnished by the Cuban G-2 where all references are indexed on persons who are not sympathetic to the CASTRO regime.
- (9) At the end of about three months, as a general rule, the interested traveler is sent a telegram by the Department informing him that he is now free to solicit from the aviation company his request for a reservation.
- (10) On a day-to-day basis the Immigration Department remits to Pan American and KLM, as well as to the various steamship companies, a list of the persons authorized to leave the country. For the persons who solicit permits to leave the country and whose requests are denied, the Department communicates nothing to the transportation company nor to the persons who made the application nor can those to whom permits to leave the country have been denied take any steps in order to ascertain why or to have the matter re-considered.

Prior to the cessation of passenger flights between Cuba and the United States, the number of requests to leave the country had become so large and the corresponding number of permits actually granted had become so small, that the requests on file had accumulated to the point where they had become completely unwieldy and the time elapsing between a request for a permit to leave the country and the actual granting of the same had extended considerably beyond the average three-months period.

One other important change was noted by
in the operation of the Immigration Department. The
number of Cubans, loyal members of the party, as well as
members of the Communist Party of other countries who leave

